

FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN**07 SEPTEMBER 2006****APPROVED 09/14/2006**

At 6:05 pm the Board's meeting was called to order. Present were Selectmen Peter Bolduc and Gene Cordes; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

Selectmen reviewed the mail folder. It included a memo regarding Homeland Security grants which the Board asked to be distributed to all safety service departments, asking them to work together on it and make a plan prior to submission as in years past to avoid confusion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed and approved the payroll manifest \$16,606.29 and accounts payable manifest \$17,572.46. Both were signed.
2. Selectmen reviewed the Fall 2006 Bulky Flyer. This will go to the printer tomorrow or next week once final updates are complete. Bulky Day volunteer letters were emailed today, and hard copies will go out tomorrow.
3. Selectmen signed outgoing correspondence to Vickie Murdock, Keith Stanton, SRRDD, Gene Gibson, Joyce Robinson, and J B Stevens.
4. The Annual Household Hazardous Waste day is this Saturday in Brentwood. We received notice of it on Wednesday September 6th. It was posted and published immediately, but was not enough notice to advise Fremont residents!
5. A draft copy of the 2006 Arboviral Plan will be emailed out to Board members to review. Final comments are needed by next Wednesday so changes can be made and the Selectmen can approve the plan. The Health Officer did today.

At 7:00 pm Department Head Neal Janvrin presented the items he had for the Selectmen. This included updates on the Department's shooting range. Janvrin was not positive of the name of the company, but a company working elsewhere in town has agreed to do the drilling/blasting necessary for the cost of transportation and materials only, no labor cost. It is estimated at a cost of \$600 to do this.

It is noted the Guerwood Holmes has donated a lot of equipment time to this project as well.

Janvrin then said that there have been repeated, severe parking problems on Shirkin Road due to the soccer fields. Janvrin said he has talked to the Police Chief in Epping and asked Epping to do the same thing as Fremont, which includes posting one side of the street as NO PARKING. Residents and emergency apparatus can not get through on a busy day at the fields. Janvrin said that the Town's Parking Ordinance states that parking is prohibited "anywhere official signs are posted." Janvrin has posted one side of Shirkin Road as such and asked the Selectmen to vote and make it official, from the intersection of Leavitt to the Epping town line on Shirkin road. Signs are posted every 100 feet (done by the Police and Highway Departments). Signs are adequate and easily seen, posted as you go toward Epping, on the right side of the road. The left side was left open as there is more room to park and get off the pavement on that side.

Motion was made by Bolduc and seconded by Cordes to accept Chief Janvrin's recommendation for posting of the said eight signs. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

Selectmen indicated that they too have received complaints about the soccer fields, including excess traffic, noise, and trash. Selectmen will address a letter to Seacoast United Soccer as well as the Epping

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Selectmen. Janvrin said that if there was a fire any of the businesses in Epping, they would need to come off Beede Hill Road to get through.

Janvrin has talked to Epping's Chief Dodge and will also follow up with a letter, and a written note to the Fremont Selectmen for use in sending a letter to Epping Selectmen. All of the correspondence will also be copied to the Fremont Planning Board.

Chief Heselton walked into the meeting at 7:10 pm. Cordes mentioned at this time that the grant application paperwork was here, and reminded the safety service department heads that they should work together on any applications, as well as be advised of what the others may be working on.

Joe Gottlich and Chris Braid came into the meeting at 7:12 pm and they were provided the same grant information. It is important that no conflicting grants be submitted as it could disqualify another.

The new grant radio is in the rescue truck, it was installed on Wednesday.

Heselton said the budget for 2007 is pretty well put together.

Heselton said that they blew out 500 feet of fire hose (in a recent testing) which needs to be replaced. The Fire Department had put in for fire house last year in the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant, but Heselton is unsure if it was received.

The firemen's convention is this weekend but Heselton said is not planning to attend. He said he was going to the dedication of the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial on Sunday at the Fire Academy.

Joe Gottlich said that he had submitted a letter of intent for a grant to NH OEM to cover up to 75% of river gauges. He does not yet know what it will cover, but submitted the letter of intent by the September 1 deadline.

He met with Cindy Richard from NH OEM some weeks ago and got volumes of information from her and is working through all of that. He gets updates from them, and will send updates to Concord during weather emergencies.

Gottlich said that he had been contacted by ham radio operators from town and he is going to work with them as well, getting them listed with the State and FEMA as contact information.

Gottlich and Braid said that they would read through the Mosquito Plan if it was emailed to them.

Braid said that the Rescue Squad had cancelled their flea market. He said they were working on an event for April.

There was some discussion about two generators the Fire Department has no longer a use for. The Rescue and EM Departments thought they might take over use of them, for assisting residents in need of power for life support during downed power emergencies.

At 7:40 pm other Fire Rescue Committee members Rick Butler and Darrell Turner came to the meeting.

Turner provided an overview of the budget updates for 2007, which included approximately a \$27,000 increase for items such as LOSAP, Points, stipends, bringing EMS up to speed with uniforms and the like.

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Butler said that it will likely take a couple of years for everything to fall into place, as well as changes that may be made to make the process work better over time, there will be a learning curve for everyone. Butler said he thought if they could stay on the same page as they are now that it will continue to be very positive.

They believe that over time the combined department will be more efficient, and will help with the area of EMS response during the day, which everyone is working on even now. Turner said that he felt presenting a united front to the public will help with their overall recruitment efforts as well.

Heselton said he was 100% behind the plan, but does have some concerns. He feels that now that Rescue is a fully sanctioned Town organization that there is more need to have a good response. Heselton will work with the plan as presented.

Braid said that he feels that the process has gone really well, and that EMS is getting the position it needs and deserves, and that the Town will overall get better coverage.

Cordes said that keeping your eye on the common goal and demonstrated working together coming to consensus is a big deal. The other groups will have a lot of questions and the leadership being demonstrated is a good thing. There surely will be differences from time to time and handling this will also be important.

They are planning to bring the plan to the Department meeting next Monday, and the Committee is looking for the Selectmen's support prior to doing so. The Board of Selectmen has received the combination committee proposed 2007 and beyond, point system and command structure consensus points, and Cordes moved to accept and support this proposal as endorsed the committee, for bringing it ahead to the full memberships on Monday September 11, 2006. Bolduc seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

Braid said he is contacting all of the rescue members this weekend, now that the Selectmen have endorsed their plan, to get both groups combined at the meeting on Monday for it to be presented to all.

There was general discussion about the tasks that still lie ahead, and the goals the members hope to set for the department as a whole.

The safety service representatives left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

At 8:10 pm Guerwood Holmes came into the Board's meeting to discuss budget line items and the recent paving work he has completed.

Holmes said that he has spent roughly \$96,000 in paving overlays to date. This includes all of South Road. Bolduc consulted the Town Report and it appears that the work on South was done more than planned, but felt by all it was necessary. Holmes said that the tonnage estimates provided by Brox were again short, causing less work to be able to be done with the funding approved at Town Meeting in 2006. Holmes said he was only going to shim when the numbers came in over, but decided to go ahead with the full overlay of South Road because it is a much better final product.

After some discussion, Holmes had said he was done with his paving for the year, as the money has been spent, but there was further discussion about Sandown Road. Holmes proposed taking the current overage (\$40,000) out of winter equipment hire, which will still leave enough for the upcoming winter season of \$30,000. It was felt that the planned work, despite being over budget, should take place as much as is financially possible.

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Holmes said that paving the repaired locations of Scribner Road cost approximately \$10,000. This will be funded from the FEMA money received.

After further discussion, it was decided that Holmes would have Brox return to shim the worst portion of Sandown Road, which is the area from the four corners almost to Boggs Bridges.

Selectmen decided that they would transfer \$40,000 from winter and depending on the invoice, it will cost another \$20,000 to do the above-mentioned section of Sandown Road. This will be transferred from the summer equipment hire line.

Holmes said he would begin working on his 2007 budget as soon as the summer paving work is completed.

Holmes left the meeting at approximately 8:40 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 24 August 2006, which includes the recessed sessions of 26 August and 29 August 2006. A motion was made by Bolduc and seconded by Cordes to approve them as written. The vote was approved 2-0.

2. Selectmen discussed the Route 107 side of the soccer field at the ballfields and some treatment to get rid of the weeds growing in the rip rap area. Carlson also indicated the Town had a gift certificate to purchase some plantings (shrubs of some type, perhaps) for this location as well. Selectmen decided to ask Dick Rand to spray that section with Round-Up to clean out the weeds, and further look at some plantings in this location.

Cordes and Bolduc are individually planning to spend some time on Saturday at the Playground install project. Cordes may talk to Dick Rand at that time about the retaining wall near the soccer field.

3. There was brief further discussion about budgets coming together and what percentage to budget for a cost of living increase. Budget work sessions begin on September 21 and the Board was asked to consider setting aside nights specifically and solely to deal with budgets.

There will be two warrant article submissions for rescue equipment, including a semi-automatic defibrillator and CPR equipment, an Auto Pulse machine.

4. A fax and two bank letters were received from Martin Ferwerda regarding Community Bank's commitment to renew both letters of credit on the Governor's Forest Development project. The letters will be submitted prior to their respective expiration dates of September 20 and October 7; and Ferwerda will post the additional \$3,000 necessary on the gravel restoration letter (now at \$93,000). The road/infrastructure letter is to be renewed at \$199,000.

NEXT WEEK

The NH Primary Election will be held on Tuesday September 12, 2006 at the Safety Complex. Polls are open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Selectmen have a meeting posted for the day as well. Bolduc and Cordes will be there to open the polls and likely not return until late in the afternoon.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday September 14, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

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At 9:30 pm with no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Bolduc and seconded by Cordes to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator